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1. Director Rudolf Eschler of DIA Invest-Export is scheduled to depart on or about 1 November 1954 for a business trip to Czechoslovakia, during which he will visit Pilsen and Prague. He is reportedly to be accompanied by one of the DIA Secretaries, not identified by name. Eschler plans to negotiate with Czechoslovak Foreign trade corporations regarding possible exports to Czechoslovakia.

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2. The Deputy Director (Zweiter Direktor) of DIA Invest-Export, Scheffler (fnu), was recently relieved of his position and dismissed on grounds that he had nominated himself for receipt of a Praemie and title of Aktivist on 13 October 1954 for work which had actually been performed by another individual. Scheffler was replaced by Langholz (fnu), who comes from the Halle area. Langholz was given the title of "Handelsdirektor".

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3. The Stellenplan* was approved a few days ago, permitting DIA Invest-Export to hire an additional 30 persons. A new female interpreter is expected to be assigned to the translation bureau on or about 1 November, to handle Spanish, Italian, French, English. She is reported also to have a working knowledge of Russian.

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Mrs. Ratzek (fnu), who was formerly employed by one of the other DIA's. It is believed that she may be

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4. At the present time, all business correspondence between DIA-Invest-Export and the Soviet satellite nations is carried on in German, with exception of Red China with whom DIA Invest-Export corresponds in English. Inquiries from the Soviet Trading Corporations, i.e., Tekhnopromimport, which is the only Soviet trading corporation which has done business with DIA Invest-Export to date, have been received in Russian. Tekhnopromimport has dealt exclusively with Kontor 02 in regard to Cement Plants. Because of the recent loss of the Russian interpreter of DIA Invest-Export, Rudolf Kunze, for whom there is no replacement available, business replies have been forwarded to the Trade Delegation in German. The original inquiries, which are submitted in the Russian language, have been sent out for translation to the Theodor Toemmler Uebersetzungsbuero, Friedrichstrasse, corner Johannis Str. This practice is contrary to all official regulations, but since no

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5. [redacted] the "DOC" project. 25X1
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6. As of 27 October 1954, the DIA Invest-Export production plans called for deliveries to China, during 1955 and 1956, of ten power plants, each having a capacity of 1.5 Megawatts, to be supplied by Transformatorenwerk Dresden. Five of these plants are to be of the normal stationary type power-generating plants. The remaining five are reportedly to be easily assembled and disassembled, i.e., the boilers are to be mounted on steel-girder supports, rather than on permanent reinforced concrete foundations, in order to permit dismantling and removal to another location with a minimum of difficulty.

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